



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

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Final Reflection:

My summer with ACLU SoCal's First Amendment and Democracy team was a great and illuminating experience. It has shown me that I really enjoy legal research and writing and that I would like to find myself in litigation. I am grateful that I got to work on fascinating issues involving the right to protest and censorship. I even enjoyed doing lots of civil procedure research, which I learned was crucial for effective litigation to get to the substantive rights of an issue. I learned how a professional organization like the ACLU functions and what kind of quality work is expected at that high level. From getting feedback from my supervising attorneys, I have become a better legal writer and know what kind of writing is effective and useful in a fast-paced litigation environment. I was also extremely happy that the ACLU won one of the cases I did a lot of research on where I found important cases and drafted arguments that ended up in a final brief that was submitted to the court. I am really happy for our clients that won, and I genuinely believe that justice was served by the court's decision. Overall, my time with ACLU SoCal has given me invaluable experience in public interest litigation and has given me the confidence that I can pursue justice through effective legal advocacy.